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Re: Application of Alexander **BLEIBLER**  
"METHOD FOR PRODUCING A FLAT STRIP"  
Our Ref.: 3827.082

Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- this express request to immediately begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)).
- an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- a German Language International Application with European Search Report
- an English (translation of the) International Application.
- an English (translation of) Article 19 claim amendments.
- English translation of Article 34 amendments (annexes to the IPER) and German language IPER.
- an executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form.
- Two (2) Sheets of Formal Drawings
- Preliminary Amendment.

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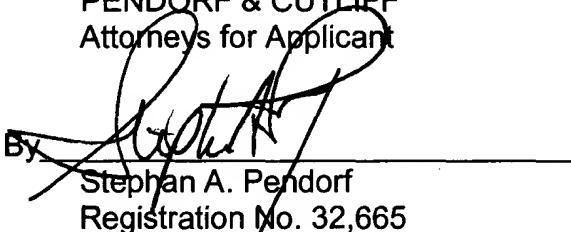
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Priority is claimed from February 2, 1999, based on German Application No. 199 04 185.7.

Respectfully submitted,

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing cover letter including the German Language International Application with European Search Report, English Language translation, Declaration and Power of Attorney, Preliminary Amendment, two (2) sheets of formal drawings, payment of fee, and a stamped receipt post card are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. §1.10 on the date indicated and is addressed: **ATTN: Box PCT, Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231.**

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